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Planning

Early Market Engagement Evaluation of the Shared Outcomes Fund 'Offshore Wind Enabling Actions Programme'

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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<https://defra.bravosolution.co.uk>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Early Market Engagement Evaluation of the Shared Outcomes Fund 'Offshore Wind Enabling Actions Programme'

Reference number

33787

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Offshore Wind Enabling Actions Programme (OWEAP) aims to support the deployment of offshore wind in line with ambitious government targets for renewable power, while protecting and enhancing the marine environment.

The collective aim of OWEAP is:

‘To enable the responsible and sustainable growth of offshore wind, recognising its essential contribution to meeting the Government’s climate change commitments, whilst ensuring the protection of our marine environment’.

OWEAP has two objectives:

- i. increase understanding of the environmental impacts of offshore wind
- ii. find strategic solutions to manage and mitigate impacts to reduce barriers

The procurement for the Evaluation of OWEAP aims to provide the programme team with evidence of whether and how OWEAP is achieving its desired outputs and outcomes, by observing the process and measuring the impact. The evaluation will also provide useful information as to whether the programme has delivered value for money.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £270,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73110000 - Research services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

As a research and evidence project, the aims of the procurement are to:

Aim 1 – Capture valuable learning from OWEAP, as a pioneering programme tackling the dual challenges of expansion of offshore wind and the protection and enhancement of the marine environment.

Aim 2 – Quantify the impact of OWEAP, including the contribution of evidence from each project and assess OWEAP's influence at a programme level on associated policy:

Objective 1 - Design and implement a practical and adaptive evaluation framework for OWEAP.

Objective 2 – Use process and impact evaluation techniques to report on key learning gained through the implementation of OWEAP

Objective 3 – Measure the impact of the OWEAP programme against cross-programme outcomes

Objective 4 - Measure the impact of the OWEAP projects against their specific desired outcomes.

Objective 5 - Address the longer-term impacts by reporting on how OWEAP contributed to and has influenced the attainment of principles set out in government policies.

Objective 6 - Assess whether the OWEAP programme provided Value-For-Money.

Objective 7 - Identify outstanding knowledge gaps and use evidence from OWEAP on what worked or did not work to provide recommendations of future cross-government work to tackle the dual challenges of offshore wind energy expansion and protection and restoration of the marine environment.

Objective 8 - Produce and present talks and reports, suited to the audience, to share learning from the evaluation.

II.2.14) Additional information

The Contracting Authority intends to use an eTendering system in this procurement exercise and reserves the right to use a reverse auction. A contract notice starting the

award procedure is expected to be issued on 10th September 2021. For further details on the supplier engagement event, please refer to section VI.3

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

10 September 2021

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Virtual Supplier Engagement Event details: Thursday 26th August 2021 13:30 - 15:00 hours.

Event to be held On Microsoft Teams.

The event provides a forum for potential suppliers to gain an understanding of the requirements and our commercial approach. It provides opportunities to share and gain feedback which may be used to shape and refine the proposition before any formal procurement commences.

Information provided on the Authority's current thinking should be considered formative in nature.

All those organisations wishing to attend should register their interest via email to james.leadbeater@defra.gov.uk on or before 25/08/2021 where by a link will be provided to the event.

For those unable to attend, full information following the event will be uploaded onto the Defra's e-Tendering system.